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TO: ALL IDAHO CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

FROM: DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Chief
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SUBJECT: **CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL (CAH) REGULATIONS**

We have sought and received clarification from the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS), Region X, Seattle, regarding which swing bed regulations apply to critical access hospitals. The Appendix T swing bed regulations mailed to you recently from this office, **do not** apply to critical access hospitals.

Enclosed is a new copy of the CAH federal regulations beginning with Swing Bed tag C386. Please note changes in the swing bed regulations beginning with tag C387, which was eliminated. Mainly the tags have been renumbered, however, please read from C386 to C406 to be certain you understand and are in compliance with those regulations.

Please accept our apology for the confusion and any inconvenience our error may have created at your facility. If you have questions regarding this letter or the enclosed regulations, please contact Sylvia Creswell, Supervisor, Non-Long Term Care.

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Enclosure
cc: Idaho Hospital Association